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Interview Summary

Application No.
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Examiner
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Jan 4, 2001

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: all pending

Identification of prior art discussed:

Harrington, Doyle (of record)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicants' representative asserted that a prima facie case of obviousness has not been made because: a) applicants have found that the claimed process results in unexpected improvements, and b) the references provide no motivation for selecting the claimed metallocene. For the comparative examples shown in the specification, the examiner was in agreement regarding unexpected properties. However, it was maintained that given the scopes of the both the claims (rather broad) and the comparative examples (quite narrow), the showing was not deemed to be commensurate with what is shown in the examples of the reference (which shows copolymerization of ethylene and cyclic olefins using a mono-Cp hafnocene substituted with t-butyl). Applicants indicated that they will consider amending either the metallocene structure or the process conditions of the independent claims to further distinguish from the disclosure of the reference.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.

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